

# Office of WRHS Principal

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December 8, 2010

To: HS Faculty

From: Dr. Ronna Cadarette, Principal

RE: **Block Schedule Update**

## **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT :**

- **Block Update/SIT work** – October 8
- **UbD Stages 1 & 2 independent work** – October 8
- **UbD Stage 3 Individual/Departments w/Courtney Harter** - January 21 + two more days
- **Visitations to Belmont High School** - December 2010 – 5 days
- **Independent Visitations** – as requested
- **“Mock Block”** - February 24 and 25
- **Summer** - offerings of PD time for block planning like the past two years
- **Opening PD (August)** – more block training TBD as needed
- **Reference Books** - available upon request; one copy for each department

## **MODEL SCHEDULE:**

- A working model schedule has been developed based on teacher input and SIT work.
- Students were surveyed regarding Mentoring during November. This data will be used for building a schedule.
- The Program of Studies is going to print early January so students may begin course selection in February.
- A draft schedule will be finalized immediately following the annual District meeting.

## **PEER PARTNERSHIP –**

- Adoption by Belmont High School who uses block and has proven results
- PD days with department teams from partner school
- Optional visitations and observations to WRMS during plan periods
- Share pros and cons of their experiences while we refine our schedule for 2011-2012
- Collaborate with peer partners on lesson planning with block
- SIT Updates

## **STUDENT INPUT –**

- Pizza roundtables with students on draft schedule for pros and cons in March
- Mentoring survey results

**COMMUNITY PREPARATION –**

- Monthly Board updates
- Community-based information nights in Northfield, Sanbornton, Tilton at sponsor/host family's home in March
- School-hosted information nights
- PTSO presentation and monthly updates

**Outcome:**

All stakeholders have a voice in formulating the Block Schedule for implementation in 2011-2012 to positively impact student achievement.